



RISK is an acronym...

Research: Study and understand the ever-changing risk environment; it all starts here.

Investigations: Uncover the who, what, when, how, and why behind security incidents.

Solutions: Leverage lessons from "R" and "I" for innovation and product improvement.

Knowledge: Distribute valuable research to Verizon and the security community.

...but also a philosophy

To properly manage risk, we must measure it. To properly measure risk, we must understand our information *assets*, the *threats* that can harm them, the *impact* of such events, and the *controls* that offer protection.

This is the purpose of intelligence - to measure each landscape to improve risk management capability



RISK Intelligence mission and scope of operations

"Our primary objective is to improve information security operations and decision-making through actionable intelligence and credible research."

Tactical Intel

Goal: Improve network threat **detection** and incident response capabilities

- Track indicators of compromise
 - Collect, enrich, distribute
- Track threat actor groups
 - Region, motive, TTPs, victims, etc.
- Track criminal & espionage campaigns
- Support integration of intelligence into Verizon products

"Detections"

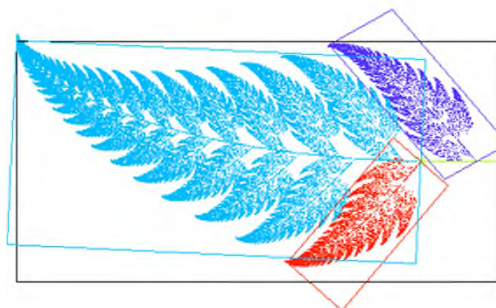
Strategic Intel

Goal: Improve infosec management by supporting informed **decision** making

- Collect data relevant to infosec management and decision making
- Conduct analysis to decrease uncertainty & increase manageability
- Publish credible research addressing key challenges to the infosec industry
- Foster information sharing & research within the infosec community

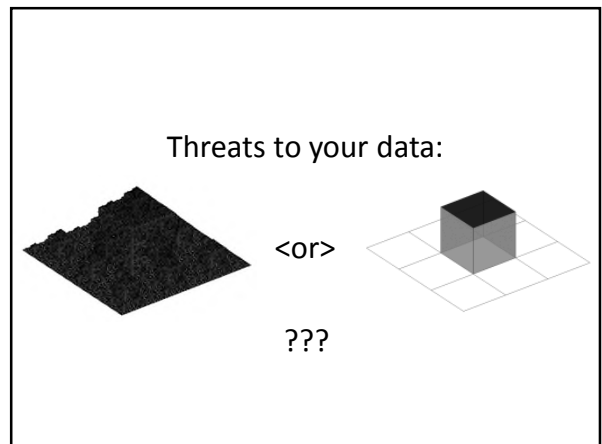
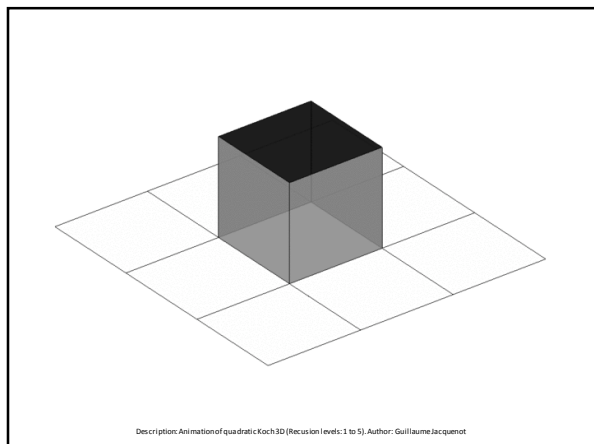
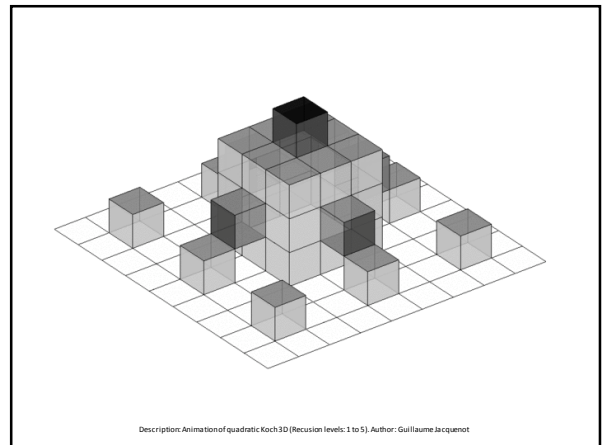
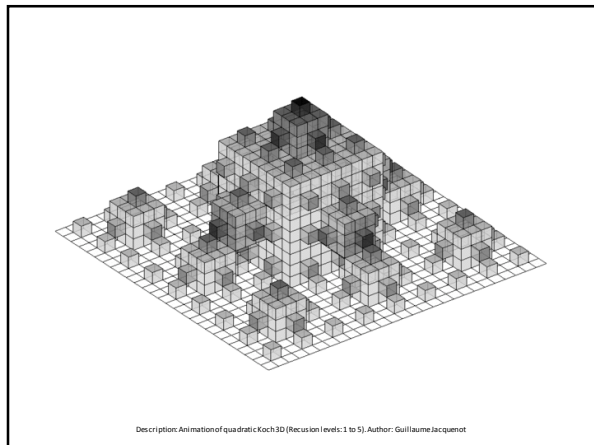
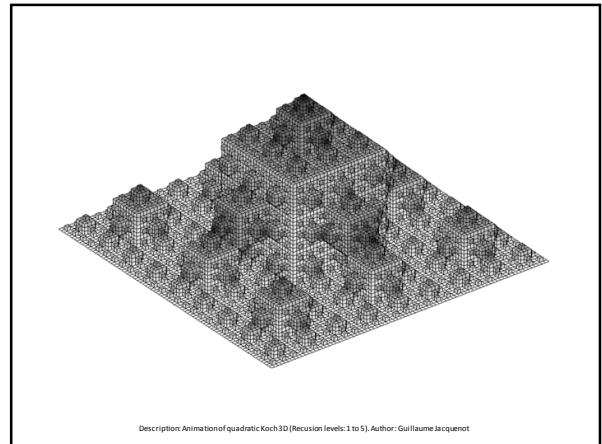
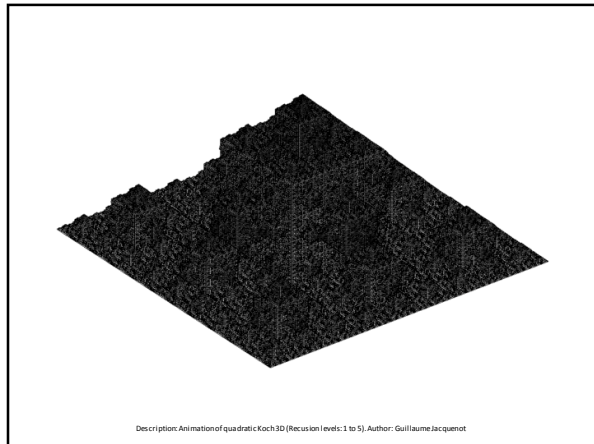
"Decisions"

Setting the Stage: Patterns



"Nature uses a few simple, self-similar, and repeating patterns-- fractals --to build energy and atoms into the familiar forms of everything from roots, rivers, and trees, to rocks, mountains, and us."

- Gregg Braden, *Fractal Time, The Secret of 2012 and a New World Age*



Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR)

An ongoing study that analyzes forensic evidence to uncover how sensitive data is stolen from organizations, who's doing it, why they're doing it, and what might be done to prevent it.

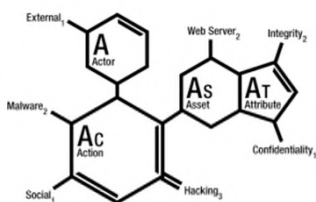


Logos of participating organizations: AFP, CERT, Software Engineering Institute, Consortium for Cybersecurity Action, CyberSecurity Malaysia, Deloitte, EC, ES ISAC, European Sector Information Sharing Analysis Center, FE, G-TECHNICS, GUARDIA CIVIL, Homeland Security, IRISS, POLITI, POLITIE, ThreatSim™.

The Main Act: 2013 DBIR Findings



Vocabulary for Event Recording and Incident Sharing



provides a common language for describing security incidents in a structured and repeatable manner

<http://veriscommunity.net>

Figure 41: Timespan of events

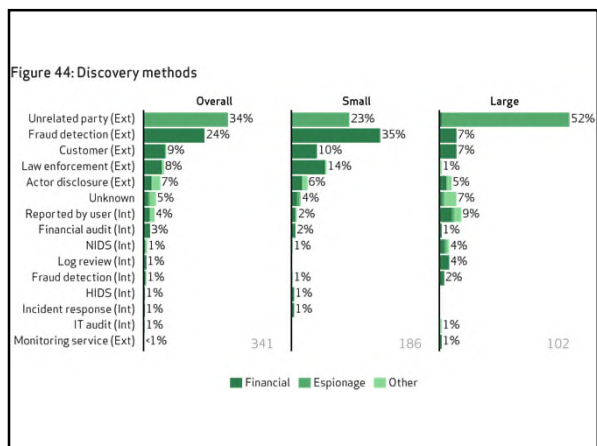
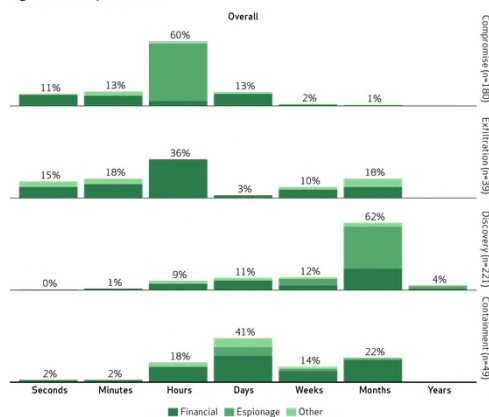


Figure 2: Breach count by victim industry and employee count*

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*Industries based on NAICS

Figure 6: VERIS A⁴ grid depicting associations between actors, actions, assets, and attributes

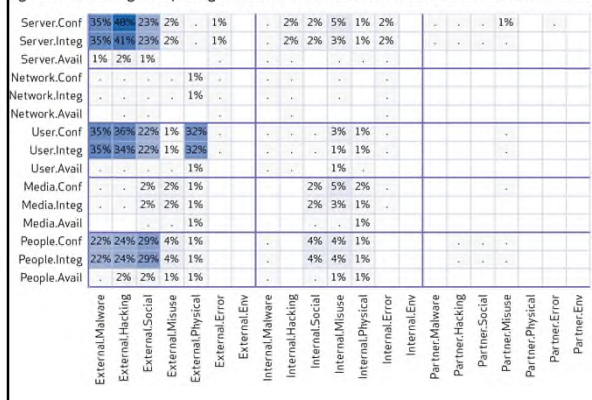


Figure 10: Threat actor categories

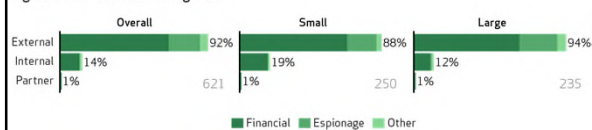


Figure 11: Threat actor categories across 47,000+ security incidents

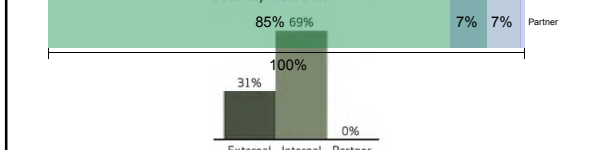


Figure 12: Variety of external actor

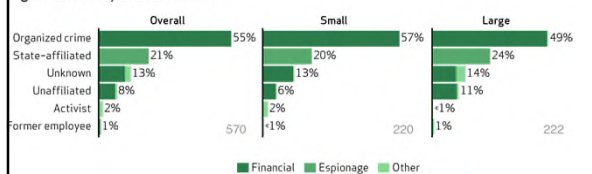


Figure 14: Variety of internal actors

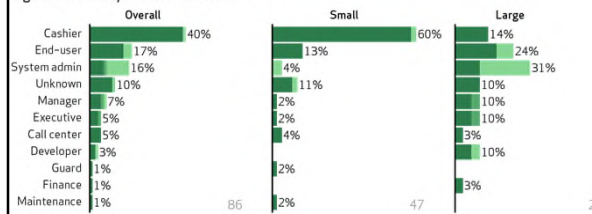


Figure 16: Threat action categories

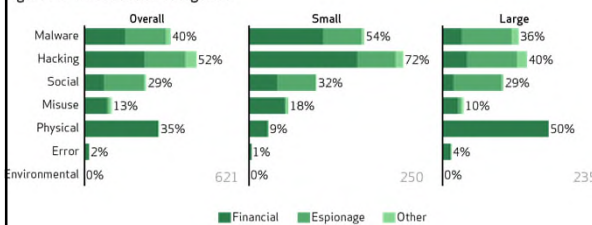
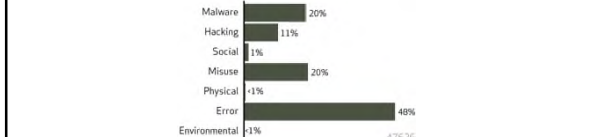
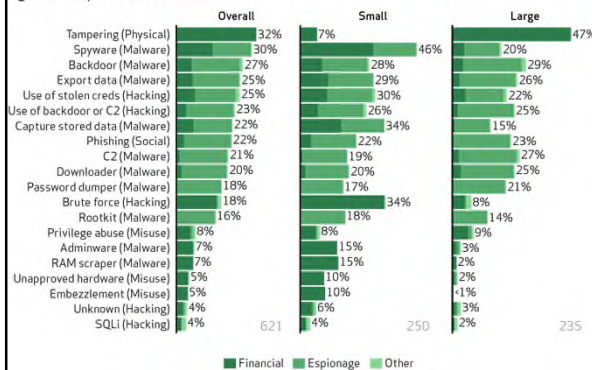


Figure 18: Threat action categories across 47,000+ security incidents



Adware, Backdoor, Brute force, Capture app data, Capture stored data, Client-side, C2, Destroy data, Disable controls, DoS, Downloader, Exploit vuln, Export data, Packet sniffer, Password dumper, Ram scraper, Ransomware, Rootkit, Scan network, Spam, Spyware, SQL injection, Utility, Worm, Abuse of functionality, Brute force, Buffer overflow, Cache poisoning, Credential/session prediction, Cross-site request forgery, Cross-site scripting, Cryptanalysis, Denial of service, Footprinting and fingerprinting, Forcing browsing, Format string attack, Fuzz testing, HTTP request smuggling, HTTP request splitting, HTTP response smuggling, HTTP Response Splitting, Integer overflows, LDAP injection, Mail command injection, Man-in-the-middle attack, Null byte injection, Offline cracking, OS commanding, Path traversal, Remote file inclusion, Reverse engineering, Routing detour, Session fixation, Session replay, Soap array abuse, SQL element injection, SQL injection, SSL injection, URL redirector abuse, Use of backdoor, User C2, User stolen creds, XML attribute blowup, XML entity expansion, XML external entities, XML injection, XPath injection, XQuery injection, Baiting, Bribery, Elicitation, Extortion, Forgery, Influence, Scam, Phishing, Pretexting, Propaganda, Spam, Knowledge abuse, Privilege abuse, Embezzlement, Data mishandling, Email misuse, Net misuse, Illicit content, Unapproved workaround, Unapproved hardware, Unapproved software, Assault, Sabotage, Snooping, Surveillance, Tampering, Theft, Wiretapping, Classification error, Data entry error, Disposal error, Gaffe, Loss, Maintenance error, Misconfiguration, Misdelivery, Misinformation, Omission, Physical accidents, Capacity shortage, Programming error, Publishing error, Malfunction, Deterioration, Earthquake, EMI, ESD, Temperature, Fire, Flood, Hazmat, Humidity, Hurricane, Ice, Landslide, Lightning, Meteorite, Particulates, Pathogen, Power failure, Tornado, Tsunami, Vermin, Volcano, Leak, Wind

Figure 17: Top 20 threat actions



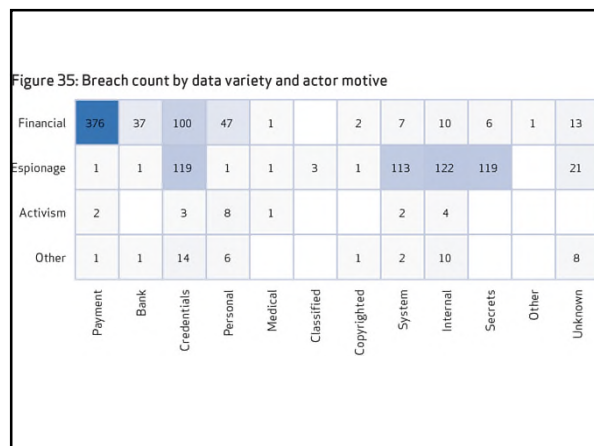
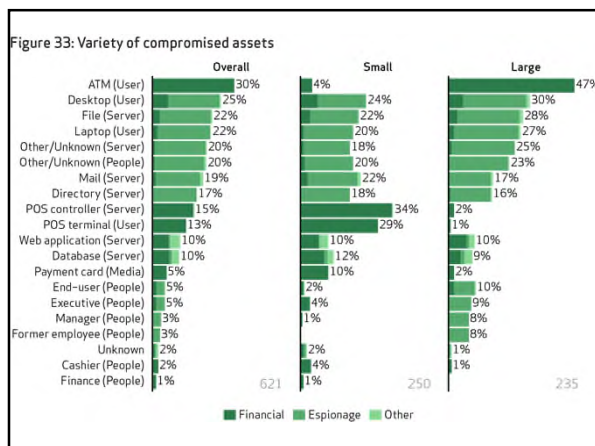
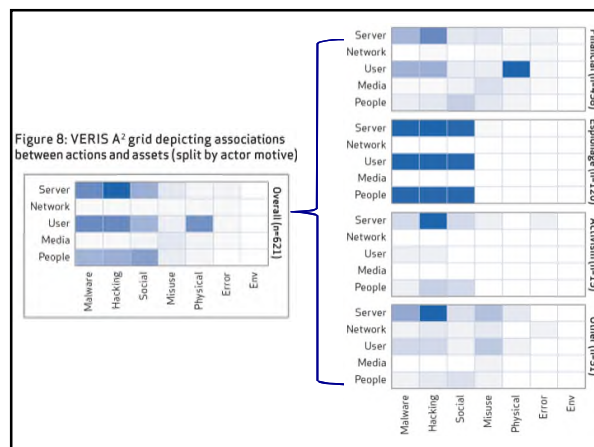
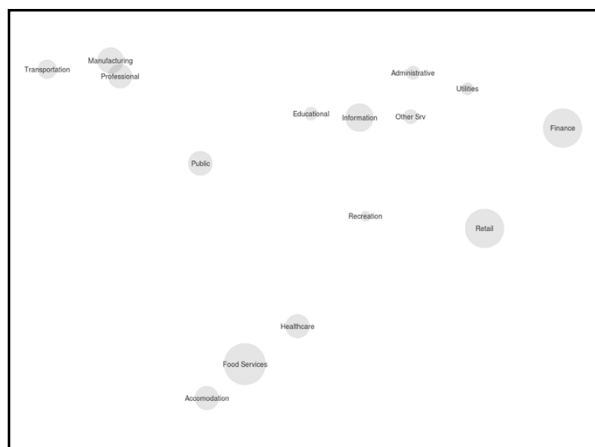
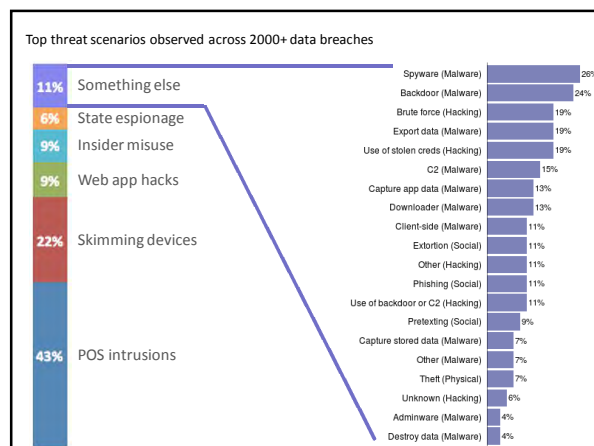
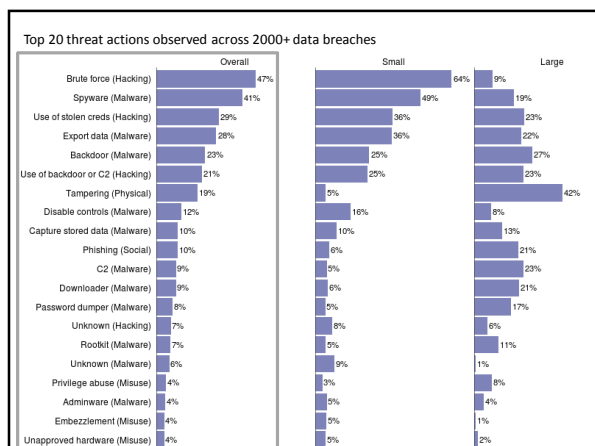
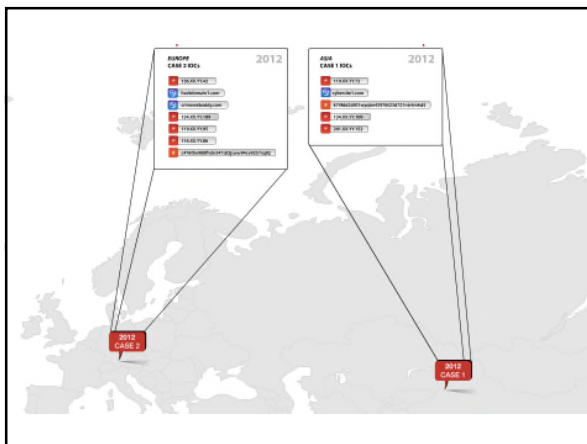
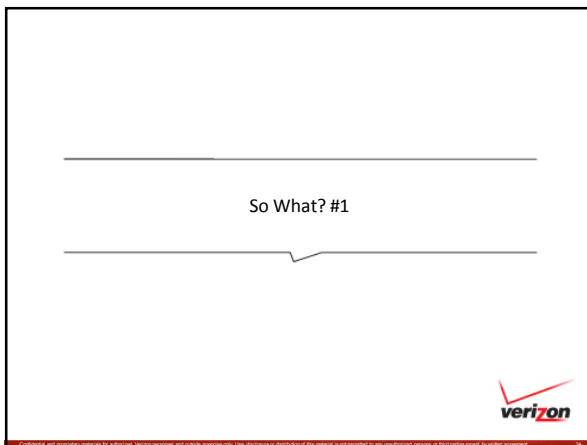
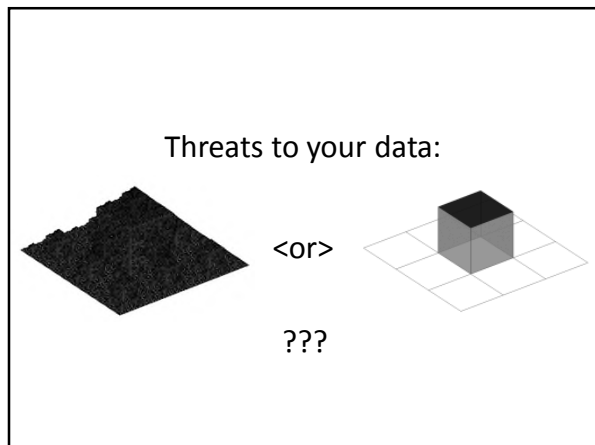
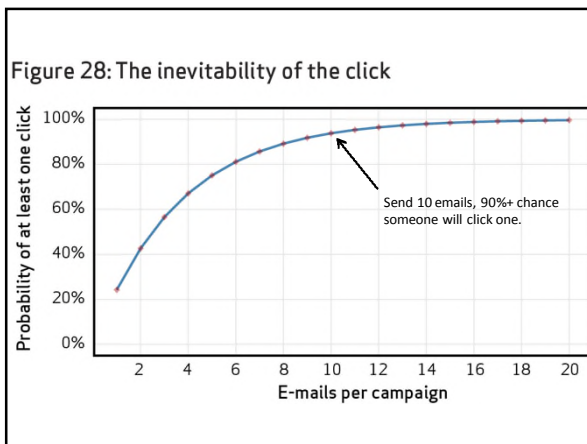
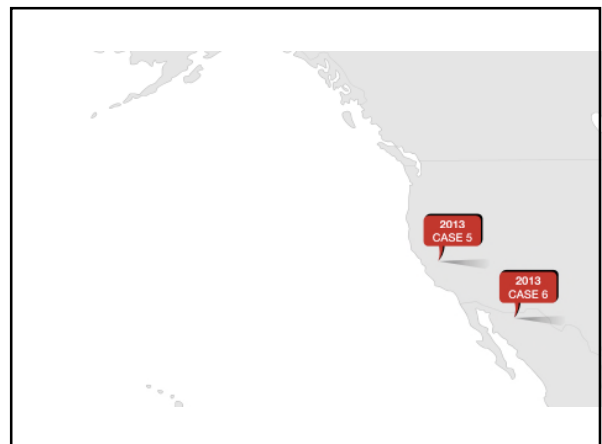
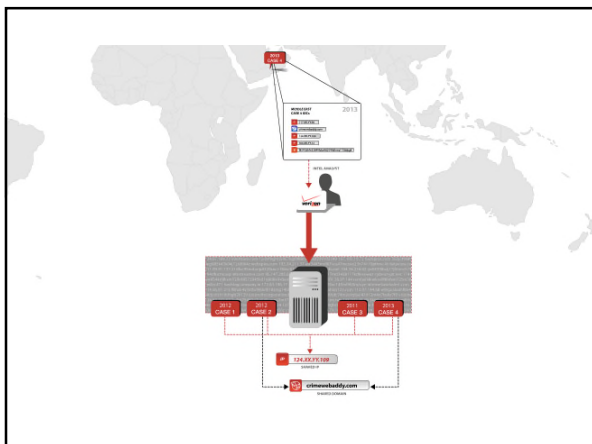
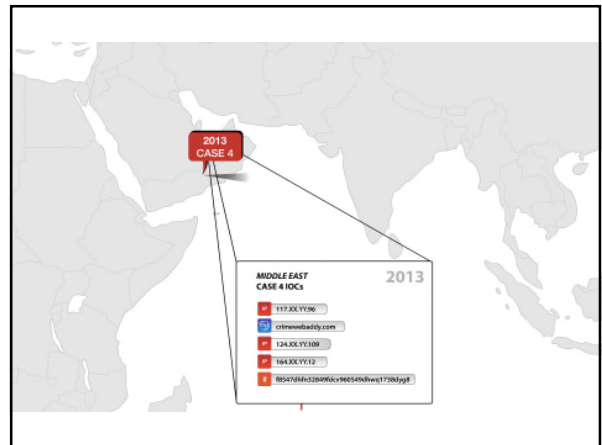
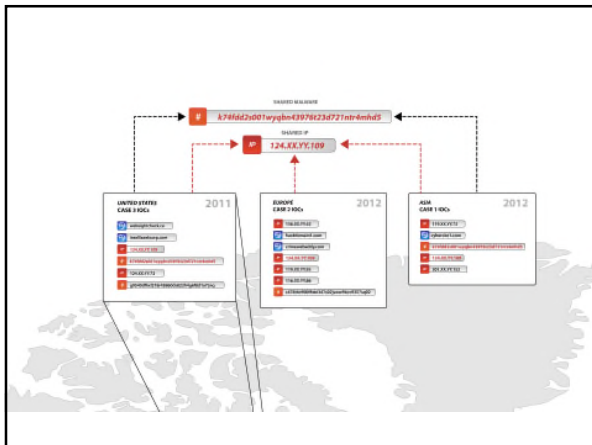
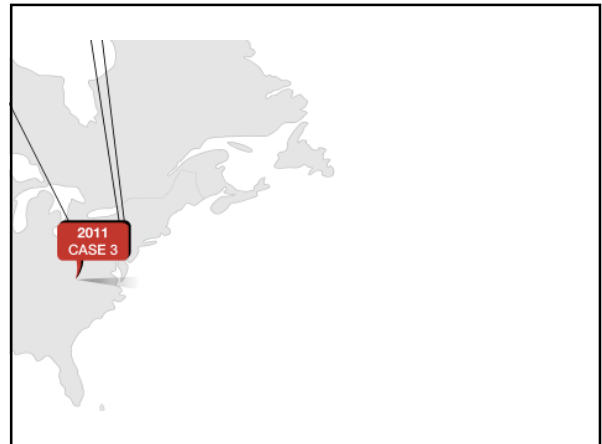
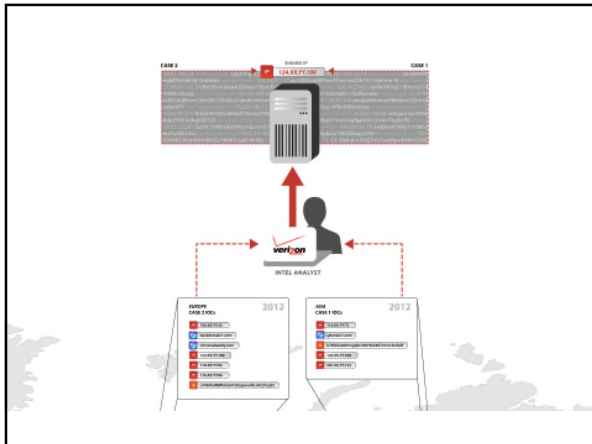
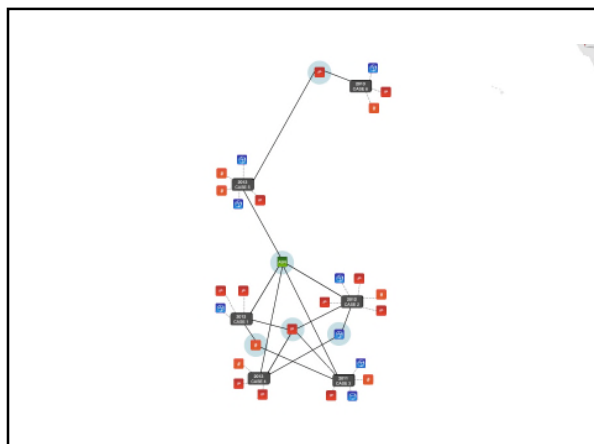


Table 1: Profiling threat actors

	ORGANIZED CRIME	STATE-AFFILIATED	ACTIVISTS
VICTIM INDUSTRY	Finance Retail Food	Manufacturing Professional Transportation	Information Public Other Services
REGION OF OPERATION	Eastern Europe North America	East Asia (China)	Western Europe North America
COMMON ACTIONS	Tampering (Physical) Brute force (Hacking) Spyware (Malware) Capture stored data (Malware) Adminware (Malware) RAM Scraper (Malware)	Backdoor (Malware) Phishing (Social) Command/Control (C2) (Malware, Hacking) Export data (Malware) Password dumper (Malware) Downloader (Malware) Stolen creds (Hacking)	SQLi (Hacking) Stolen creds (Hacking) Brute force (Hacking) RFI (Hacking) Backdoor (Malware)
TARGETED ASSETS	ATM POS controller POS terminal Database Desktop	Laptop/desktop File server Mail server Directory server	Web application Database Mail server
DESIRED DATA	Payment cards Credentials Bank account info	Credentials Internal organization data Trade secrets System info	Personal info Credentials Internal organization data







So What? #2



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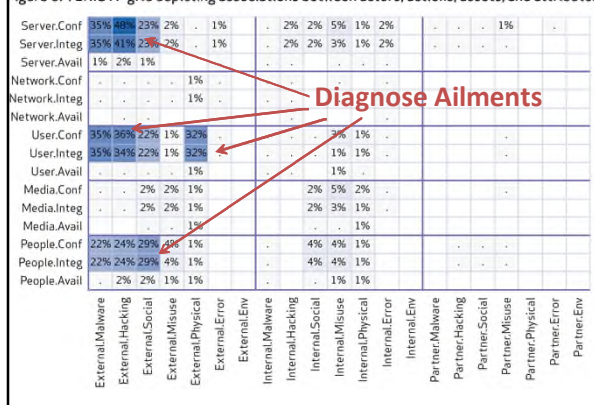


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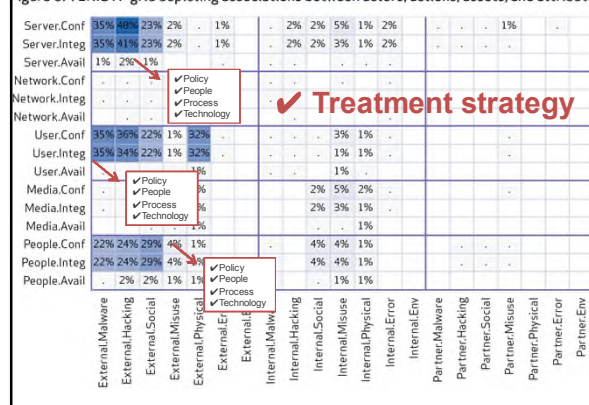
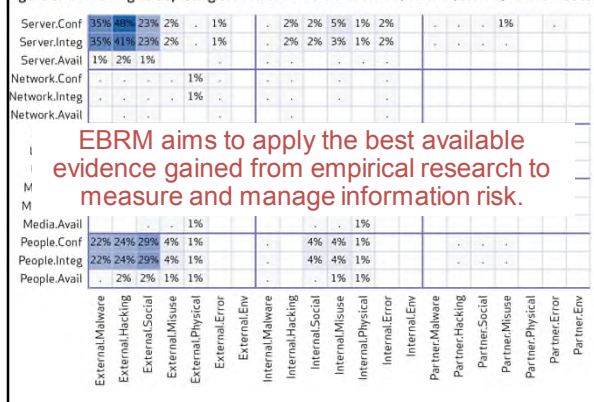


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Recommendations

- ✓ Eliminate unnecessary data; keep tabs on what's left.
- ✓ Ensure essential controls are met; regularly check that they remain so.
- ✓ Collect, analyze and share incident data to create a rich data source that can drive security program effectiveness.
- ✓ Collect, analyze, and share tactical threat intelligence, especially Indicators of Compromise (IOCs), that can greatly aid defense and detection.
- ✓ Without deemphasizing prevention, focus on better and faster detection through a blend of people, processes, and technology.
- ✓ Regularly measure things like "number of compromised systems" and "mean time to detection" in networks. Use them to drive security practices.
- ✓ Evaluate the threat landscape to prioritize a treatment strategy. Don't buy into a "one-size fits all" approach to security.
- ✓ If you're a target of espionage, don't underestimate the tenacity of your adversary. Nor should you underestimate the intelligence and tools at your disposal.

Additional Information

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